(c) what is the total loss suffered by the company because of the missing container?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes Sir. 80 containers could not be enumerated in the container census last year.

(b) Out of 80 containers, 19 containers have already been identified and efforts are on to enumerate the remaining containers.

(c) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), conducts a census of containers where enumeration is done on the basis of a unique 7 digit number allotted to each container. Often, due to wear and tear, these numbers get erased making it difficult to enumerate these containers although they may be in circulation. In last year's census, 80 containers could not be enumerated. 19 containers have already been identified and CONCOR is in the process of tracing the remaining containers and restoring the correct number to each of them. With computerisation of container details, the ease of enumeration would increase. Loss suffered through lack of enumeration is a notional one as containers are in circulation and are being utilised also.

New train between Bhopal and Mumbai

†2170. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people from Bhopal have requested the Ministry of Railways to start a new train between Bhopal and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have seriously considered the said request;

(d) if so, by when, Government proposed to start the said train; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) Representations including from Shri P.K. Maheshwari, MP, Ms. Uma Bharti, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports have been received for introduction of a train between Bhopal and Mumbai.

Introduction of Habibganj-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express (weekly) (serving Bhopal-Mumbai) has been included in the Railway Budget 2002-2003.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.